REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
CITY OF ILOILO
OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 053
Series of 2020

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 049 , SERIES OF 2020, AND IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS ON SOME ESTABLISHMENTS TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL DISTANCING TO CONTROL THE SPREAD AND / OR LOCAL TRANSMISSION OF 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS ACUTE RESPIRATORY DISEASE (COVID-19 / 2019 NCOV ARD) CASES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"

WHEREAS, on 13 March 2020, Executive Order No. 049 , Series of 2020 which mandates the suspension of classes and offices in all schools, universities, colleges and learning institutions in all levels from the primary up to the post graduate programs from 16 March 2020 until 31 March 2020 to prevent the spread and/or local transmission of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus Acute Respiratory Disease (COVID-19 / 2019 nCOV ARD),

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Inter-Agency Task Force (composed of the Department of Health, Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Justice, Department of Tourism, Department of Transportation and Department of Information Communication and Technology) for the Management of the Emerging Infectious Disease Resolution No. 11, Series of 2020 dated 12 March 2020, local government units outside the national capital region are advised to exercise sound discretion in suspending classes in their respective localities.

WHEREAS, Executive Secretary Salvador C. Medialdea issued a Memorandum directing local government units for the stringent social distancing measures and further guidelines for the management of the COVID-19 / 2019 nCOV ARD.

WHEREAS, on 10 March 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) has considered and declared COVID-19 / 2019 nCOV ARD as a pandemic.

WHEREAS, on 12 March 2020, the Philippine government upgraded the COVID-19 / 2019 nCOV ARD alert level from Code Red Sublevel 1 to Code Red Sublevel 2.

WHEREAS, as of 15 March 2020, there have been one hundred forty (140) confirmed cases of COVID-19 / 2019 nCOV ARD in the Philippines.

WHEREAS, to further strengthen and emphasize the need to practice social distancing to control the spread and/or local transmission of the COVID-19 / 2019 nCOV ARD, there is a need to extend the suspension of classes and offices in all schools, universities, colleges and learning institutions in all levels from the primary up to the post graduate programs in Iloilo City, as well as the imposition of restrictions on some establishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **JERRY P. TREÑAS**, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law as Mayor of Iloilo City, do hereby order that.

1. Executive Order No. 049 , Series of 2020 is amended to read as follows:

*1. **All classes and offices of schools, universities and academic institutions in the primary, secondary and tertiary levels, including junior high and senior high in Iloilo City for both public and private schools shall be suspended from 16 March 2020 up to 14 April 2020, until the suspension is lifted. During the suspension, all***

personnel and students shall be strongly advised to practice personal voluntary quarantine at home, to avoid crowded places or public gatherings

2. All students, and personnel shall also observe social distancing or shall be at least one meter apart from other persons whenever in public or crowded places.

3. Similarly, all school activities during the period from 17 March 2020 to 14 April 2020 until the suspension is lifted, such as but not limited to proms, graduation, moving up, recognition or other such activities where social distancing cannot be observed shall also be prohibited. The prohibition on the conduct of all gatherings shall mean and include the planned or unplanned convergence of persons in a place where social distancing cannot be observed.

4. During the period from 17 March 2020 to 14 April 2020 until the suspension is lifted, students are also prohibited from entering or patronizing malls, boutiques, kTVs, bars, restobars, coffee shops, cocktail lounges, gyms, basketball courts, covered courts, theaters, movie houses, spa's, massage parlors, casinos, cockpits, computer shops, and other similar establishments where the social distancing cannot be observed.

5. The City Government of Iloilo, through its respective departments through the Public Safety and Traffic Management Office, Business Permit and Licensing Office, Iloilo City Treasurer's Office reserve the right to inspect malls, boutiques, kTVs, bars, restobars, coffee shops, cocktail lounges, gyms, basketball courts, covered courts, theaters, movie houses, spa's, massage parlors casinos, cockpits, computer shops, and other similar establishments for compliance with this Executive Order; and shall enforce appropriate penalties on said establishments, such as but not limited to imposition of fines or even revocation of the business permit pursuant to the Revised Local Revenue Code of Iloilo City, and all other penalties which may be imposed pursuant to existing laws.

2. During the period from 16 March 2020 to 14 April 2020 until the prohibition on public gatherings is lifted, the following shall be the mandated operating hours of the following establishments:

a. malls, department stores, boutiques and other similar establishments, the operating hours shall be between 11:00 o'clock in the morning until 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

b. KTVs, bars, resto bars, restaurants, food establishments, coffee shops, cocktail lounges, and other similar establishments, the operating hours shall be until 8:00 o'clock in the evening, provided that social distancing should be strictly observed during the operating hours;

c. all night clubs, pubs, massage parlors, spas, casinos, cockpits, movie houses, theaters, computer shops, on-line gaming shops and the like shall be **absolutely prohibited** from operating during the period stated in this Executive Order, until the prohibition on public gatherings is lifted; and

d. fast food, restaurants, food establishments, pharmacies, health clinics, diagnostic centers, laboratories, convenience stores, banks, hard wares, and groceries whether situated inside or outside the malls shall be allowed to continue to operate until 8:00 o'clock in the evening provided that they would enforce strictly the observance of social distancing; and

e. These establishments should coordinate with the Department of Labor and Employment, the Department of Health, Department of Trade and Industry on the pertinent advisories and guidelines to be implemented in cases of temporary cessation of operations due to the implementation of strict social distancing measures.

3. The provisions of Executive Order No. 049 Series of 2020 on the gathering of persons for religious services, shall remain in force and in effect. To this end, religious leaders of all sects, congregations and nominations are strongly advised to adhere and impose the strict practice of social distancing on their members or to explore alternative means or forms of conducting their religious services or rites during the period from 16 March 2020 to 14 April 2020 until the prohibition on public gatherings is lifted.

4. Advisories or issuances on when the prohibition period from 16 March 2020 to 14 April 2020 may be lifted will be made by the Iloilo City Health Office, the Department of Health, Inter Agency Task Force in Managing Emerging Infectious Diseases based on the issuances of the World Health Organization on the status of COVID-19 / 2019 nCOV ARD.

5. Notwithstanding the imposition of fines or permanent closure of the business or revocation of the business permit, appropriate administrative and/or criminal charges or both shall be filed against those persons who shall break protocol and violate this Executive Order, thereby endangering the lives of the inhabitants of Iloilo City.

6. This executive order may be amended from time to time, as the need arises, or if there is a change in the situation as reported by the Iloilo City Health Office, the Department of Health, Inter Agency Task Force in Managing Emerging Infectious Diseases and the World Health Organization.

7. If any provision of this Order is declared as invalid or unconstitutional, the other provisions not affected thereby shall remain valid and subsisting.

8. All other executive orders, rules and regulations and other issuances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this Order are hereby revoked, amended, or modified accordingly.

9. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE, in the City of Iloilo this 17th March 2020.

SO ORDERED.

HON. JERRY P. TREÑAS
Iloilo City Mayor

Attested by:

JOSEPHINE P. AGUDO
City Government Assistant Department Head II